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- 1. PLEASE ARRANGE TO SEE THE PRIME MINISTER AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY TO REGISTER SHARP PROTEST REGARDING PUBLIC COMMENTS REPORTED REFTEL. YOU SHOULD NOT BE DRAWN INTO DISCUSSION OF UNRELATED MATTERS BUT CONCENTRATE STRICTLY ON SUBSTANCE AND NASTY TONE OF PRIME MINISTER'S REMARKS.
- 2. YOU SHOULD FIRST OF ALL DENY CATEGORICALLY THE FAR ESASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW ALLEGATION THAT I TOLD REPORTERS TO PAY NO ATTENTION TO THAI POLITICIANS BUT RATHER TO THE MILITARY. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WOULD HOPE THAT IN THE FUTURE IF PRIME MINISTER HAS COMPLAINTS HE WOULD ATTEMPT FIRST TO SEPARATE FACT FROM FICTION THROUGH PRIVATE COMMUNICATION AND THEN, IF STILL DISPLEASED, REGISTER SUCH COMPLAINTS DIRECTLY AND PRIVATELY. WE QUESTION THE PROPRIETY OF REACTING PUBLICLY TO UNSUBSTANTIATED PRESS RUMORS, ESPECIALLY WHEN SUCH A REACTION IS DIRECTED IN SUCH A PERSONAL FASHION AGAINST A SENIOR OFFICIAL OF ANOTHER COUNTRY, NOT TO MENTION A PRINCIPAL ALLY. CONFIDENTIAL

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3. YOU SHOULD ALSO MAKE IT ABSOLUTELY CLEAR THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT REGARDS THE PARTICULAR AD HOMINEM COMMENT TO BE OFFICIALLY AND PERSONALLY OFFENSIVE. ATTACKS OF THIS ARE INCONSISTENT WITH THE TRADITION OF CLOSE FRIENDSHIP WHICH HAS CHARACTERIZED U.S. THAI RELATIONS. KISSINGER

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